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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: WC Docket No. 02-307 – Ex Parte # 1

Dear Ms Dortch:

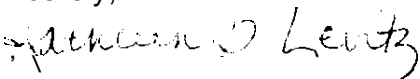
The following sentence appears in paragraph 14 of the Varner Reply Affidavit:

On a going-forward basis, concurrent with the December 1, 2002 Data Notification, BellSouth will provide, in addition to the Data Notification, an additional category identifying any validated data issues affecting the calculated measurement results that are not scheduled for a fix.

The Commission staff reviewing the pending BellSouth 271 application has asked BellSouth to file a written response clarifying whether the sentence quoted above means that whenever BellSouth discovers an error in posted performance data, even an error that would not, under BellSouth's reposting policy, trigger an obligation to repost, BellSouth will nonetheless notify the state of that error in our data. The answer to this question is "yes." The sentence is intended to mean that BellSouth will include in that additional category any instance of a validated data issue that is not already reported on the Bearing Point list or in monthly Data Notification. Staff also asked for clarification of the term "validated." A validated data error is an irregularity in performance data that has been verified to be in fact a data error. Examples of such data errors can be found in Exhibit PM-7. These examples include the data issues described as "Provisioning Measures/<0.5% Impact" and "Customer Trouble Report Rate/No Parity Impact."

In accordance with Section 1.1206, I am filing this notice electronically and request that you please place it in the record of the proceeding identified above. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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